



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Louisville District

SMALL FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECTS

PURPOSE: Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to develop and construct small flood control projects through a partnership with non-Federal government agencies such as cities, counties, special authorities, or units of State government. Projects are planned and designed under this authority to provide the same complete flood control project that would be provided under specific Congressional authorization. Flood damage reduction projects are not limited to any particular type of improvement.

TYPES OF PROJECTS: Levee and channel modifications are examples of flood damage reduction projects constructed utilizing the Section 205 authority. Utility relocations and alterations of utilities, highways, bridges and public facilities are entirely local responsibilities to be accomplished at the non-Federal partner's expense.

PARTNERS: Projects require partnering with a non-Federal sponsor who may be a public agency, state or local government.

PROCESS AND FUNDING: Projects are undertaken on a cost-shared basis. The first step in the process is completion of a study that determines if there is Federal interest in participating in a solution to the identified problem. In the feasibility study the best solution to the problem and its cost are identified and the project design is developed. The solution must be economically feasible, environmentally sound, and it must have a local partnership. After the feasibility study, project implementation consists of preparation of plans and specifications, local right-of-way acquisition and construction.

The feasibility study is 100% Federally funded up to \$100,000. Costs over the \$100,000 are cost-shared with the non-Federal partner on a 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal basis. Design and construction costs are shared 65 percent Federal and 35 percent non-Federal. The non-Federal partner must contribute 5% of the total project cost in cash. The value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas will be credited toward the 35% non-Federal share. The maximum Federal cost for project development and construction of any one project is \$7,000,000.

HOW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE: Requests for assistance should be submitted in the form of a Letter of Intent from a state or local government agency to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. Samples are available upon request and should be mailed to **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, Attn: Chief, Planning Branch, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201**. After receipt of a written request, the Louisville District will contact the applicant by telephone and discuss particulars of the problem and of continuing the process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: If you need more information, you may contact the Louisville District Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Amy K. Sharp, at (502) 315-6861.